Failure of NCERT

1067. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has not achieved the target fixed for the Ninth Plan;

(b) whether it is also a fact that funds allocated for the Council have also not been utilised properly; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI): (a) NCERT has intimated that it was able to spend 78% of the funds sanctioned during the Ninth Five Year Plan period. The shortfall of 22% was due to delay in the completion of the construction works of the proposed building for the North East Regional Institute of Education (NERIE) at Shillong.

(b) and (c) The funds were utilised for the purposes for which they were earmarked.

Education in Kendriya Vidyalayas

1068. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any memoranda has been submitted by the Parents Association of K.V. INA to improve the teaching quality and maintain discipline among the students and teachers of the school;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken in this regard; and

(c) in the face of increasing demand of English in today's global economy, what measures have been taken by the K.V. to impart education in English medium to those interested?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI): (a) No, Sir

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan adopts both English and Hindi as medium of instructions in its schools. Students desirous to study with English as medium of instruction are being imparted education in English.

Day-care centres in Uttaranchal

†1069. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Palna-Ghar run by various organizations in Uttaranchal and out of them, how many day-care centres are being run by "Bhartiya Aadim Jati Sewak Sangh";

(b) whether some of the day-care centres have been closed down recently; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps Government are going to take to open more day-care centres?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) In Uttaranchal 318 creches are being run by various organizations. Out of which 59 creches are being run by Bhartiya Aadim Jati Sevak Sangh.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Participation of private sector in education

†1070. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to consider participation of the private sector in the field of education;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.